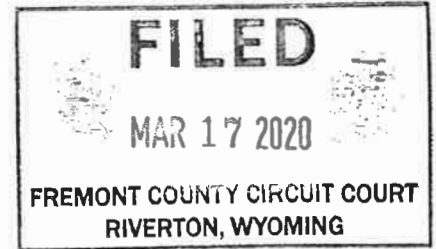


**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
RIVERTON, FREMONT COUNTY, WYOMING**

**In the Matter of Efficient Administration)
Of Justice in This Court)**



**TEMPORARY ORDER MODIFYING LOCAL PRACTICES, PROCEDURES
AND PROTOCOL IN RESPONSE TO THE RECENT OUTBREAK OF THE
COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS IN FREMONT COUNTY WYOMING**

In response to the Global Pandemic referred to as COVID-19, and the recent outbreak of the virus in Fremont County, Wyoming, the Court enters this order to help reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus by temporarily modifying local practices, procedures, and protocols effective immediately, to wit:

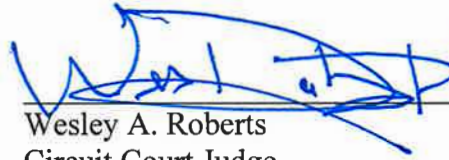
1. The courtroom shall not be accessible to the general public. By order of the Fremont County Commissioners effective at 12:00 o'clock noon, March 17, 2020, the Fremont County Justice Center is locked down pending further notice. All judicial proceedings will be conducted by videoconference, telephone, or both in open court and recorded as required by law.
2. The 24/7 Sobriety Program at the Riverton Justice Center has been suspended by the Fremont County Sheriff. To the extent that participation in the 24/7 Sobriety Program or submitting to urinalysis testing is a condition of bond or probation, or as a sentence requirement, the same is suspended, however, any order to refrain from the use of alcohol or controlled substances, as the case may be, shall remain, as with all other conditions of bond, probation, or sentence.
3. This order does not suspend testing via portable breath testing devices through Injury Prevention Resources, nor does it suspend random testing for alcohol and controlled substances at the request or direction of any probation agent or law enforcement official.
4. All courtroom proceedings by videoconference will follow Rule 43.1 of the Wyoming Rules of Criminal Procedure as the same may be amended or suspended by emergency order of the Wyoming Supreme Court. The Court will use videoconferencing capability directly with the jail. Attorneys may participate remotely by videoconference so long as they provide the method and means for video connection in order to join the proceedings.

5. Parties may submit pleadings that are scanned and emailed the same as they may submit facsimile transmissions pursuant to Rule 301 of the Uniform Rules for District Courts. The fees for filing documents by facsimile will be waived. There will be no assessments for emailing scanned documents. The court prefers that attorneys use email rather than fax due to the quality of transmission.
6. The Court will permit, and in fact, encourage participation by telephone conference in lieu of a personal appearance by parties and attorneys in civil and criminal matters.
7. There will be no jury trials between the date of this order and April 30, 2020. If there is a speedy trial issue, the Court will comply with Rule 48 concerning the extension of a jury trial beyond the 180-day limit in the due administration of justice.
8. There will be no bench trials between the date of this order and April 30, 2020 except as may be heard by videoconference and/or telephone pursuant to existing rules. If there is a speedy trial issue, the Court will comply with rule 48 concerning the extension of trial beyond the 180-day limit in the due administration of justice.
9. Law enforcement agencies issuing citations for defendants to appear in this Court shall avoid any settings from the date of this order through April 30, 2020. Effective immediately, Fremont County Sheriff deputies shall require all appearances on citation to be on Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. All other law enforcement agencies shall continue to write their citations for Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m.
10. Any person arrested on a misdemeanor warrant, forfeitable or nonforfeitable, except those involving underlying offense or offenses of battery, domestic assault, domestic battery, reckless endangering, and child endangering, may be released immediately by executing an unsecured appearance bond in the same amount set forth in the warrant with an appearance date on any Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. after April 30, 2020.
11. Any person arrested on a misdemeanor warrant involving the underlying offense or offenses of battery, domestic assault, domestic battery, reckless endangering, and child endangering, shall not be released until the person posts the cash bond and has signed an appearance/performance bond with an appearance date and conditions set by the Court. Exception: The arresting officer may contact the presiding judge to determine if a lower cash or a surety bond may be written.
12. The Court will be open to persons seeking orders of protection for sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking subject to any special requirements

imposed by the Fremont County Commissioners to safeguard employees and parties alike.

13. This order shall remain in effect until further order of the Court. This order is subject to amendment at any time.

Dated March 17, 2020.



Wesley A. Roberts
Circuit Court Judge

